

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A new key telephone system including a new key  
telephone and new telephone interface which use a new  
data transmission scheme has been developed, unlike an  
old key telephone system including an old telephone and  
old telephone interface unit which use an old data  
transmission scheme. The new telephone interface unit  
and new key telephone are compatible with both the new  
and old data transmission schemes. Even if, therefore,  
10 the new telephone interface unit is connected to the  
old key telephone, or the old telephone interface unit  
is connected to the new key telephone, data  
transmission can be performed by using the old data  
transmission scheme, thus maintaining compatibility.

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